

**CONNECTICUT STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION  
SUMMER FOOD SERVICE PROGRAM**

**Sample Press Release for Residential Camps and Enrolled Sites**

The \_\_\_\_\_ (Name of Sponsoring Organization) announces its participation in the federally funded Summer Food Service Program for Children. Meals will be provided to all eligible children free of charge. (To be eligible to receive free meals at a residential camp, children must meet the income guidelines for reduced price meals in the National School Lunch Program. The income guidelines for reduced price meals by family size are listed below.) Children who are part of households that receive food stamps or Temporary Family Assistance (TFA) are automatically eligible to receive free meals.

The following income eligibility standards will be used for determining eligibility for free meals:

**REDUCED PRICE MEALS**

| Number<br>in<br>Family            | Annual<br>Gross<br>Income | Monthly<br>Gross<br>Income | Weekly<br>Gross<br>Income |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1                                 | 18,889                    | 1,575                      | 364                       |
| 2                                 | 25,327                    | 2,111                      | 488                       |
| 3                                 | 31,765                    | 2,648                      | 611                       |
| 4                                 | 38,203                    | 3,184                      | 735                       |
| 5                                 | 44,641                    | 3,721                      | 859                       |
| 6                                 | 51,079                    | 4,257                      | 983                       |
| 7                                 | 57,517                    | 4,794                      | 1,107                     |
| 8                                 | 63,955                    | 5,330                      | 1,230                     |
| Each<br>Add'l<br>Family<br>Member | +6,438                    | +537                       | +124                      |

Meals will be provided at the following site(s):

| Name and Address of Site(s) | Meal(s) Available and Serving<br>Time(s) | Meal Service Dates |
|-----------------------------|--|--------------------|
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Persons interested in receiving more information should contact (Name, Address and Phone Number of Sponsor):

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\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature of Authorized Representative)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Date)

**Directions:**

1. A copy of the release form must be submitted with the completed SFSP contract.
2. The public release will be made available to (Name of news media):\_\_\_\_\_.
3. **DO NOT** pay to have this put into the paper. The regulations require only that you submit the release to the media.
4. You can personalize your public release by including information about your program. The number of years your organization has participated in the Summer Food Service Program and the number of children who benefit from the program would make the public release more interesting to the reader.

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For sponsors documenting eligibility for each site based on areas where poor economic conditions exist.

**The (Name of Sponsoring Organization) \_\_\_\_\_ announces its participation in the federally funded Summer Food Service Program (SFSP). Under the program, nutritious meals are provided to all children 18 years and under free of charge at the following site(s):**

| <b>Name &amp; Address of Site(s)</b> | <b>Meal(s) Available and<br/>Serving Time(s)</b> | <b>Meal Service Dates</b> |
|--------------------------------------|--|---------------------------|
| _____                                | _____  | _____                     |
| _____                                | _____  | _____                     |

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**Sponsor Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Sponsor Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City:** \_\_\_\_\_ **State:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Sponsor Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

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